



YOUR HQDA BOSS TEAM

The face of the HQDA BOSS team has changed with the New Year. We are lucky enough to have our mainstay, Ms. Sandy Nordenhold who is keeping us all on track and getting us all organized. As many of you know, last August John Register accepted a position as the Director of the Paralympics Sports Academy in Colorado Springs, CO! Marlon Martin was selected as the new BOSS Program Specialist. Mr. Martin has ten years experience with BOSS at Ft. Campbell and in Korea, as both BOSS President and as MWR Advisor. SSG Tommy Hay departed for Hohenfels, Germany. Our new DA BOSS Soldier Representative, SGT Jeanie Kline, joined us from Ft. Stewart, GA. SGT Kline has been involved with BOSS for three years and was part of the 2003 BOSS Conference Staff. SGM Corbin Skeritt, who has been at CFSC for 2 years, is scheduled to PCS to Grafenwoehr, Germany this summer. We will miss his knowledge and guidance. We're anxiously awaiting to see who the newest member of our DA BOSS team will be!

With the new team in place, we are busy planning the 2004 DA BOSS Forum. We are always looking for great suggestions to help in the planning process. Any suggestions you might have please email us at boss@cfsc.army.mil.

Also new is our monthly newsletter. Any articles you may want to share with the rest of the BOSS Community to show what you are doing at your installation can be sent to us as well.

BOSS Action Team

By: SGT Jeanie Kline, DA BOSS Representative

The BOSS Action Team (BAT) was held 29-31 March 2004 in Arlington, Virginia. BAT is designed to receive input from Soldiers about the DA BOSS Forum. Soldiers who represented their regions gave input on what sessions should be offered, activities, as well as what needs to be improved and what to sustain.

The following soldiers were selected as part of the BAT: SPC Jason Dunlap, Fort Riley, KS, NWRO; SSgt Donna Smith, POM, SWRO; SPC Max Levasseur, Fort Myer, VA, NERO; SPC Anthony Roy, Hawaii, PACO; SPC Juan Rudavetz, Fort Campbell, KY, SERO; SGT Antonio Merrell, Fort Bragg, SERO; SPC Ken Loper, Fort Knox, KY, SERO and SPC Robin Schaeff, Camp Red Cloud, Korea, KORO.

During the BAT, the 2004 DA BOSS Forum theme was voted on. This years theme is "BOSS 15 Years - Honoring the Past, Planning the Future." We had many entries for the theme and would like to thank everyone who submitted one. Also during the BAT, the soldiers gave their input for changes for the current Desk Reference. If anyone has changes they would like to submit for the Reference, please email them to boss@cfsc.army.mil.

We would once again like to thank all the participants for the BAT. Your input was greatly appreciated!



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- BOSS Action Team
- Calendar of Events



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Bad Aibling Station BOSS Talent Show/Dinner

By: Cindy Wiedemann, BOSS MWR Advisor

On 21 February 2004 BOSS held its first talent show at Bad Aibling Station. We had 60 tickets available for sale. BOSS sold almost all the tickets and people were cramming in at the door to buy more. Extra tables had to be set up to accommodate the overflow of people.

There were six acts altogether. Our theme was along the lines of American Idol. We had three judges who were told in advance to poke fun at the contestants and get the audience laughing. It was also an interactive show, where the audience was the judge. There were score sheets available for each

person. All the contestants won gift certificates in various denominations.

The first place winner Relana McGlothlin won a trophy and \$50 gift certificate. Second place went to Chief Larry Strong and third place went to his wife Debbie Strong, for her comical presentation with 1st SGT Kevin Cannon. Other talent included PFC Budyevsky playing the piano and SPC Katrina Jordan/Lonnie Smith singing a duet.

Dinner was buffet style Chicken Piccata, roast beef, tossed salad, twice-baked potatoes, green beans, mashed potatoes and desert all for the low cost

of \$10.00/\$12.00 at the door. Everyone had an exciting time and were talking about it for a week after the show.



Fort Eustis Shows off Talent

By: Mr. Randy Smith, BOSS MWR Advisor

The Fort Eustis BOSS program held a Talent Show on 27 February 2004 at Wylie Theater as part of the Installations Black History Month Celebration. The event followed a Black History Play "What Brought Us Through, Part II" sponsored by the Fort Eustis Officers and Civilian Spouses Club.

This is the second year that BOSS and the OCSC collaborated to present the two events together. The Talent Show had two categories of performers, Youth - ages 17

and below, and Adult—ages 18 and older. Performers came from the local community and military, family members and civilians from the installation. There were four youth acts and eleven adult acts some of which were duets, quartets and choirs. The talent ranged from singing, dancing, comedy, rapping, drill team, playing a musical instrument and praise-dancing.

The show was a huge success and enjoyed by all in attendance.



Riley Makes Big Hit with Singing Valentines

By: SPC Jason Dunlap, BOSS President

Valentine's Day is special for couples, and once again this year, BOSS did their part to make the day memorable. Valentine Sing-a-grams started five years ago as a way to raise money for the BOSS program, but it has grown into a loved tradition. Soldiers or members of the community can send a costumed singer anywhere in the Fort Riley area. The singer

brings a song, a balloon, candy, and lots of laughs.

This year featured singers were the trio of Dorothy, Tin-man, and the Lion from "The Wizard of Oz", Elvis, Oscar the Grouch, and Mickey and Minnie Mouse. The sing-a-grams were delivered on February 11th and 12th to Manhattan, Junction City, Milford, Ogden, and Fort Riley. This year BOSS delivered about 100 sing-a-grams.



("Elvis" delivers a singing telegram to a cashier at Fort Riley's Commissary.)

Thanks go out to all of the singers and drivers that made the event possible, to the marketing department for their hard work, and to the community for their great support of this unique event.

Fort Eustis BOSS Christmas Activities

By: Randy Smith, BOSS MWR Advisor

Each year during the period leading up to the Christmas holiday season, the Fort Eustis BOSS Program participates in the holiday Gift Wrapping Program sponsored by the American Red Cross at Fort Eustis. Different units and organizations throughout post who wish to raise funds for their program must fill out an application with the Red Cross and be present for a lottery drawing for dates to provide gift wrapping at the Post Exchange.

The exchange provides a section in the mall area near the entrance of the exchange and the Red Cross provides all gift wrapping supplies to be used by all organizations. Donations are accepted from customers who desire to have their

items gift wrapped. This year BOSS provided 52 man-hours over a two day period and earned \$367 for the program.

Also during December, for the third year, Fort Eustis BOSS program sponsored a Christmas Door Decorating Contest for the Single Soldiers who lived in the barracks. Prizes were \$100 cash for first place, a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant for second place, and a \$30 gift card to the Post Exchange for the third place winner. About 15 soldiers participated and were very creative in their decorating ideas. Judging was done by a panel of three judges, to include the BOSS President, on 11 December and the winners were announced and presented their prizes at the BOSS vs Sergeants Major

Association Basketball game that was held on 12 December 2003.



Looking for a Few Good Stories

By: SGT Jeanie Kline, DA BOSS

We are looking for a few good stories! Instead of publishing a News & Views every six months, we have decided to do a monthly newsletter, but your help is needed. By the time we publish the News & Views, the articles are old, so we want to keep you all updated on what is going on in the BOSS Community.

The articles don't have to be long, and should explain the who, what, where, and when. Please submit all articles by the end of each month. We will send out a friendly reminder to get those articles to us!! Pictures and or graphics are welcomed.

DA BOSS is always looking for new and improved ideas to send out to everyone. This could be a way to get participa-

tion up or a great place for a trip. If your BOSS Council has some great ideas and/or great events that could be useful and you want to share them, please forward them to boss@cfsc.army.mil.

We look forward to sharing your ideas and hard work with everyone involved with BOSS!!

Hawaii's, Big Bounce Movie Premiere

SSG Rose Steckler and SPC Anthony Roy

Schofield Barracks, Hawaii (17 January 2004) - Onahu Base Support Battalion (OBSB), AAFES, MWR, and the BOSS Hawaii sponsored the "Red Carpet" movie premiere of the BIG BOUNCE, starring Morgan Freeman, Owen Wilson, and Sarah Foster at the SGT Smith Theatre here on Schofield Barracks. BOSS Hawaii and MWR sponsored a meet and greet with Morgan Freeman and Sarah Foster. This is the first movie premiere for Schofield Barracks.

Residents of Schofield Barracks, Pearl Harbor, Hickam AFB, and Kaneohe MCB filled the Tropics Community Activities Center to get a glimpse of the two stars. Both were gracious enough to take pictures

with over 300 service members and their families. BOSS provided volunteers to assist AAFES with security and crowd control for the event.



After the meet and greet, Mr. Freeman and Ms. Foster walked the red carpet and entered to a standing ovation. BOSS Hawaii, Ms. Amanda Steckler, and Mr. Trenton Thomas, Jr. presented Mr. Freeman and Ms. Foster with a BOSS T-Shirt and a BOSS Polo Shirt. Before the movie, the actors answered questions from the audience. One soldier asked Mr. Freeman for advice for those who are deploying. His reply was "to keep your head down and your eyes up." After those words of encouragement, the movie began and the service members and their families enjoyed the experience.

BOSS "FIRST-AID" KIT

BOSS 1st Aid/Survival Kits for Conferences/Meetings



Band-aid - in case something said hurts your feelings

Gum - to chew to keep you from saying something wrong



Rubber band - to put all the information together

Eraser - to erase mistakes and keep on going!



Tums - In case something said is a little upsetting

Tissues - If something is near and dear to your heart, but you have to let it go



Mints - Refresh stale ideas

Hershey Kiss/Hug - Hugs and kisses when you need them



Lifesaver - to take a floundering idea and turn into great idea

Aspirin - it's a headache but you still need to see it through



Throat drops - for someone who talks too much!

Eye drops - to keep from shedding tears



Directions for use: Take one zip-lock bag and add one of each of the items listed above. Give each one of your participants a bag with a piece of paper explaining what the item represents. This is a good way to remind everyone not to take everything personal.

Commissary Awareness Commissary Awareness

Dear Single Service Member Program Coordinator,

For the last few years, single service member tours have been a highlight of The Defense Commissary Agency's "Commissary Awareness Month" in the month of May.

Young servicemen and women often learn about their commissary benefit though word-of-mouth or a short briefing. They don't often realize that the commissary is a military benefit they are entitled to use – specifically to help them stretch their paychecks.

The sole purpose of the benefit is to save them money!

A single service member can save an average of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery stores. That's nearly \$1,000 annually with regular use of the commissary. It's money to buy electronic equipment from the exchange, money to take a vacation, money for a car, or money to put in the bank.



Telling people about the commissary is one thing, but the best way to tell them about the **savings of 30 percent or more**, is to let them see it for themselves. Seeing really is believing!

With your help commissary tours can be fun, educational and rewarding! Although industry partners fund gift certificates for the tours as well as grand prizes for best performance, many local vendors also come forward to make the tours fun with additional prizes or with food. You can also team up with MWR and other organizations on the installation for a bigger event. The possibilities are endless!!

Please contact your local commissary for more information and to arrange tours during Commissary Awareness Month – and anytime! If you don't already know, you can find out who your store director is under the locations pages at www.commissaries.com.



Thanks and we hope to hear from you soon!

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The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program supports the overall quality of life for single soldiers. BOSS identifies well-being issues and concerns by recommending improvements through the chain of command. BOSS encourages and assists single Soldiers in identifying and planning for recreational and leisure activities. Additionally, it gives single Soldiers the opportunity to participate in and contribute to their respective communities.

The BOSS Program was established in 1989 to respond to the recreational needs of single Soldiers who made up 37% of the Army. As the program was implemented throughout the Army, it became evident that the Soldier's well-being was the primary concern of the single Soldiers. In 1991, the Chief of Staff of the Army officially expanded BOSS to include all aspects of Soldiers' lives. BOSS members later began to express and interest in participating in community service projects. Recreation and leisure, well being and community service are the core components of the BOSS program.

BOSS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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6-9 April Fort Rucker Rejuvenation Workshop
17-18 April KORO BOSS Workshop

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3-7 May EURO BOSS Workshop
10-14 May 26th ASG Rejuvenation Workshop
16-21 May PACO BOSS Workshop